



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

8th December 2017

Edition 13

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th December

- Year 6 Maths Challenge – 3.30pm at Ashlyns School

Tuesday 12th December

- Year 5/6 Girls Football Match vs Brookwood (Home)
- Last Archery Club
- Last Dodgeball Club
- Last uniform orders processed for this half-term – 9.30am

Wednesday 13th December

- Choir visiting Douglas Gardens
- Last Dodgeball Club
- Last All Sports Club
- Year 5/6 Boys Football Match vs Nash Mills (Away)

Thursday 14th December

- Piano Concert to Parents – 9am
- Last Storm Basketball Club

Friday 15th December

- KS1 Christmas Production – 9.15am
- W1SPA Ice Cream Party – 3.15pm

Advance Notice

Monday 18th December

- Awards Assembly – 9am – All Welcome
- Christmas Lunch
- Last Choir Club

Tuesday 19th December

- Christmas Carol Service for Years 1-6 at St Mary's Church, Northchurch – 9.30am
- School Closes 1.30pm

IMPORTANT NOTICES / REMINDERS

End of Term

We finish for the Christmas break on **Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm**. Nursery finishes at 11.45am. There will be no Little Westies on Tuesday.

Change of Date – Year 6 Riley Class Assembly

Apologies, but we have had to re-arrange the date for the Year 6 Riley Class Assembly – this will now take place on **Friday 9th February at 9am**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

School Meal Pattern & Dinner Payments

If your child wishes to change their meal pattern after Christmas please complete the form at the end of this letter and return it to school by **Friday 15th December**. **Please note that there is no need to return the form if your child is not changing from their current requirements.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 27th November 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	98.18%	Year 3	96.14%
Year 6 Riley	95.17%	Year 2	96.14%
Year 5 Picasso	94.47%	Year 1	94.04%
Year 4	97.05%	Reception	94.73%

During the week of 27th November – 17 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

Notification of Pupil Absence From School

Can we please remind parents to telephone the School's absence line and leave a message, **clearly stating the reason for absence e.g. temperature, cold etc and not just 'ill' or 'unwell'**, before 9am, if children are ill and unable to attend school. **Please telephone every day** unless you have notified the School that your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea and the 48 hour rule applies. Please note that the 48 hours starts from the time the child has finished vomiting or has diarrhoea.

A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required and we will endeavour to contact you if your child is absent and we have not heard from you.

PLEASE NOTE: If the absence is for more than 1 day you must send a letter into school, on your child's return, to confirm their absence. You must do this even if you have already telephoned us. Without this letter, the absence cannot be authorised. We will contact you and request completion of an absence letter if we do not hear from you.

For recurring and frequent absences due to illness, you may be asked to provide a medical note from your doctor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Assembly

On the last day of term, we will be celebrating Christmas with a special Carol Assembly at St Mary's Church (Years 1 to 6). As in previous years, we will need parents to walk with us to and from the Church. If you are able to help us, please let a member of staff know. Thank you.

Applying for a Primary School (Reception) Place

The application process for a Reception school place for September 2017 opened on Monday 7th November. If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 please go online for full information and apply for a place at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for applications is Monday 15th January 2018. If you have any questions about this process please speak to Mrs Arnold in the school office.

Come Along For A "Storming" Sunday At Sportspace

National Cup Semi-Final
Hemel Storm vs Loughborough Riders
Saturday 10th December
5pm tip off - Hemel Sportspace

Simply mention our School name on the door to get discounted entrance (£6.50 per adult, £2 per u18).

Families First Portal

The Families First Portal is a website which can help you find:

- Information, advice and guidance on local and national services for families, parents or carers
- Childcare options and much more
- Many of these services are free for families to access

Visit the website to find out what is available for you and your family: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Schools Admissions Consultation 2019/2020

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 5 - Nearest School' to include all schools and academies (regardless of status) unless that school or academy prioritises applications and allocates places on the basis of faith.
2. To include reference to the Shared Anti-Fraud Service in the definitions section in cases of fraudulent address verification.

The consultation period runs until 5 January 2018. Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019 for more information and to respond online.

DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)

DSPL are pleased to offer ADD-vance workshops and drop-in Consultations for the Spring 2018 term, as follows:

Workshops for Parent/Carers:

Understanding Sensory Needs - 09.01.2018, 9:30am- 2pm at Hobbs Hill Wood School

Understanding Autism & Managing Anger & Anxiety - 08.02.2018, 9:30am- 2pm at Hobbs Hill Wood School

Writing Social Stories - 07.03.2018, 7-9pm at Hobbs Hill Wood School

Mini Drop-in Consultations for Parent/Carers:

In addition to these workshops ADD-vance are also offering Mini Drop-in Consultations for parent/carers of children with Autism. Please see attached flyers for more information.

W1SPA News

Christmas Fair News - Thank you to everyone for making it another great success. Thank you to Santa for coming (he's very busy this time of year), the children helpers, the adult volunteers, the wrappers, blowers and stall leaders, all your donations, the pupils who made crafts and goodies and the staff who sold them for them, and to Mrs Stace and Mr Bray for giving up their Saturday to help. We'll announce the total once the final Aviva presentation is in!

Aviva £25,000 News - Thank you to all the pupils who wrote their own submission to the children and we've also made the judges a film! Please visit our Facebook page Music for Berko's Kids to view it, or it's on our W1SPA page. It's pretty magic 😊. The winners are announced 15th January. Cross everything!

Christmas Cards - We've made £190 and the cards look great 😊. Next year, we will change provider, so hopefully even more of you will take part.

Christmas Disco and Party - we're sad to say, we've had to cancel it. Money will be returned to anyone who submitted their forms.

There's only 17 Days til Christmas. Aaaagggghhhhh. So, please use www.thegivingmachine.co.uk for all that internet shopping. It's free to use and takes a minute to do, and we could raise hundreds from the next 17 Days for our pupils.

Supermarket vouchers - if you haven't tried them, please give them a go 😊. Just swop cash/cheque or set up a standing order, for Tesco, Sainsbury's, Waitrose/John Lewis. And they'll give us free money! See Jo Harding at school, or email her on jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk

Santa Sleigh helpers needed on Saturday 9th 3.45-8pm and Thursday 14th 5.45-8pm. Please please consider helping it's really fun and such an easy way to raise funds for our school! 📞🌲 Contact Clare Fennessy via the office, thanks.

Christmas Tree Place – The Christmas Tree Place are running a competition again this year with the chance for us to win £200! Last year we came 2nd, so if you've not yet bought a Christmas tree, please go along to the Christmas Tree Place (Chesham Road, Berkhamsted HP4 2SZ) with the leaflet sent home in book bags last week and we could be in with a chance of winning. The school with the highest number of leaflets returned will receive £200 and runner up schools will receive prizes ranging between £25 and £50. The closing date is 20th December. Thank you for your support.

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- Music Tuition Booking Forms
- Year 5/6 Boys Football Match vs Nash Mills
- School Guide for safe and responsible use of images

*Copies of all letters sent home can be found in the letter rack outside the office
and can also be accessed from our website within the ['Letters Home'](#) page*

Our School Value next week is Appreciation

School Dinners – Change to Meal Pattern – Spring Term – First Half

Please complete and return this form **by Friday 15th December**

Child's Name

Class

My child would like the following: *(please tick as appropriate)*

School provided meal Monday to Friday

Home provided meal Monday to Friday

School provided meal Friday only (home meal provided Monday to Thursday)

School provided meal Wednesday and Friday (home meal provided Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)